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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SISTER CITY LEADER

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR TO
RICHARD MYERS, SEABOARD ALLIED MILLING, KANSAS CITY MO.
(816-561-9200) QTE. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT YOUR VISIT COINCIDES
WITH MOST IMPORTANT MOSLEM HOLIDAY AND NATIONAL HOLI-
DAY AS WELL, EID UL FITRI, THE END OF RAMADAN. GOVERN-
MENT OFFICES WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED ON EITHER
OCTOBER 6TH AND 7TH OR 7TH AND 8TH. AKIBO-BETTS HAS
SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT STEVENS, AND HE FEELS CONFIDENT
LOCAL LOGISTICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS ARE MANAGEABLE.
BOTH LLOYD-DAVIS AND I HAVE OUR DOUBTS. ADDITIONALLY,
I FEAR LOCAL PUBLICITY MAY BE SUBORDINATED TO HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES. I RECOMMEND A SLIGHT CHANGE OF DATES BY AT
LEAST TWO DAYS IN EITHER DIRECTION. REALIZE THAT THIS
WILL BE DIFFICULT. IN ANY CASE, WE SHALL DO OUR BEST
TO MAKE YOU AND MAYOR WHEELER WELCOME. BEST REGARDS. UNQTE.
SAMUELS

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